Salute to Jewish Educators
March 11, 2018 • 3-4:30 pm

Great Teachers Help Us Bloom

TRIBUTE BOOK 2017-2018

Coalition for Jewish Learning
MILWAUKEE JEWISH FEDERATION
The Coalition for Jewish Learning, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and the entire Jewish community congratulate Jerry Benjamin on his selection as Lifetime Impact Award and Ellie Gettinger on her selection as CJL Grinspoon Jewish Educator of the Year.

**Lifetime Impact Award**

**Jerry Benjamin**

Jerry Benjamin is the managing member of Milwaukee Silicon LLC, a start-up company that is working on a new means of silicon purification that will make massive solar more cost effective. Prior to that he served for thirty years as the Co-Managing Director of AB Data Ltd.

In 1975 working with his close friend Rabbi Cherie Koller Fox, he designed what became the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) on his kitchen table. At the time he and his wife Cindy Benjamin were running a Jewish school they had founded in Cleveland where parents were involved in teaching their children. He and Cherie both went on to do graduate studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Education where they continued their work to bring CAJE into being.

Jerry is a past-President of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. Today, he is an active Trustee of the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and a member of the board of the Jewish Community Foundation of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. He is currently the Treasurer of NewCAJE.

*Former winners: Eve Joan Zucker and Elaine Sanderson*

**Grinspoon CJL Jewish Educator of the Year**

**Ellie Gettinger**

Ellie Gettinger is the Education Director at the Jewish Museum Milwaukee (JMM), a program of Milwaukee Jewish Federation. She has led the Museum’s educational efforts since 2007, a year before the Museum opened. She helped developed JMM’s content and is responsible for developing curriculum, workshops and tours and trains volunteer docents to assist with group tours. Through the Museum, Ellie works to build understanding of diverse topics from immigration to the Holocaust to Jewish community to different populations from pre-school to older adults, for Jews and non-Jews. Ellie has her bachelor’s degree in Jewish Studies, with a focus on history from Stanford University; she recently received her master’s degree through the Spertus Institute. She is currently curating an exhibit about the Hollywood Blacklist which will open in October, 2018. She is married to Mitch Nelles and they have two daughters.
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With special guest
Rabbi Cherie Koller-Fox
delivering the D’var Torah

Rabbi Cherie Koller-Fox is a founder of both CAJE and NewCAJE and serves as the President of the NewCAJE board. She is Rabbi Emerita of Congregation Eitz Chayim in Cambridge, MA. She is a chaplain working in hospitals and nursing homes as well as the Rabbi of the Chapel Service. In all these settings, she loves to teach Torah. She is passionate about Jewish education and in her belief that teachers, principals, artists etc. all have valuable ideas to teach each other that will strengthen Jewish education and spread innovation.
### Past Educators of the Year Awardees

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CJL Mission Statement

The Coalition for Jewish Learning (CJL), the education department of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, promotes and advances Jewish education in the greater Milwaukee community, provides a support system for the community’s institutions of Jewish learning, and forges coalitions to ensure excellence in Jewish education.

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*of blessed memory
The **TEACHER IMPACT AWARD** is given to a teacher who has made a special impact on their school community. This is not a “best teacher” award but rather recognition of a teacher who has made special contributions in an area such as mentoring, innovating, or helping others.

The School Support Award is given to a non-teacher (administrator, volunteer, high school aide) who has provided something special to their school.

The recipients of these awards were chosen by each school. The Coalition for Jewish Learning expresses its appreciation for the extraordinary support that these individuals give to Jewish education.

**BADER HILLEL ACADEMY**

**Jacqueline Cabessa Redlich, Teacher Impact Award**

Jackie Redlich puts her whole heart into teaching art. She nurtures students and guides them through multiple phases of class projects while at the same time allowing creativity to blossom organically in unexpected ways through the hands of each individual child. She is aware that the arts teach children to make good judgements about relationships and to see that problems can have more than one answer. She fosters an attitude of exploration in her classroom and encourages students to express deep emotions that may not always be revealed in a conventional academic setting. Jackie always approaches the class work with Jewish themes in mind along with historical lessons intertwined. She works closely with community Jewish organizations to support student learning. The way she proudly displays the students’ work throughout the school hallways gives the impression to all that art and creativity are highly regarded and valued as a positive attribute in life and the world outside of school. She adapts her teaching style to the students, anticipates questions and always respects the multiple perspectives and different ways of seeing the world that come up in the process.

**Jennifer Amram, School Support Award**

We recognize the efforts and contributions of Jenny Amram. Jenny always has a positive attitude, is flexible, always accommodating and services the school in many ways. She has been a regular lunch volunteer, is an active member of the school Board and this year took on the role of PTO President. Her excitement and enthusiasm for the school is contagious and she is always willing to lend a hand. Her sense of humor, persistence and dedication to BHA is valued and appreciated. As a former school teacher herself, she greatly values the effort required in the classroom and this is what inspires her to support BHA.

**BADER HILLEL HIGH**

**Rebecca Berger, Teacher Impact Award**

We are grateful for her dedication to each of her students.

**Dr. Shimon Salama, School Support Award**

We appreciate Dr. Salama’s commitment to the growth of Bader Hillel High.
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL NER TAMID
SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

Sara Martin, Teacher Impact Award
We give this award in recognition of going above and beyond as the Hebrew Specialist in the Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid School of Jewish Studies. Sara combines her passion for Hebrew language with her commitment to Jewish education, making a strong contribution to our learning community. From working one-on-one with students, to leading t’fillah, to working on Hebrew curriculum, Sara is a tremendous asset as the school’s source for everything Hebrew. Mazel tov, Sara!

Marlynn Brick, School Support Award
In recognition of Marlynn being a constant source of support for the Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid School of Jewish Studies. Marlynn goes above and beyond to ensure the smoothness of our school and family activities. Her attention to detail, strong organization skills, dependability and friendly face make her a key component to our school and synagogue’s success.

CONGREGATION EMANU EL B’NE JESHURUN

Susan Edelstein, Teacher Impact Award
With an endless supply of warmth, Susan has supported our youngest learners each week and helped them get excited to embark on a lifelong Jewish learning journey while giving them the base on which to build their education.

Jody Lansing, School Support Award
We recognize Jody for her tireless efforts to build and invigorate our Youth Learning Committee, bringing life and new lay leaders, parents and teachers to the table to create the best school and youth learning programs possible.

CONGREGATION EMANU-EL OF WAUKESHA

Ilene Jauquet, Teacher Impact Award
Ilene has a challenging 3rd and 4th grade class. She has met that challenge by adapting her curriculum to the learning style of those students. That allows those students to express their talents and energy effectively and productively.

Andi Patz, Tabb Patz and Loren Schmidt, School Support Award
These three parents have made a commitment to bring their talents and energy in support of the school program. They help by being parent leaders, attending board meetings, going shopping, helping make chanukiyot, and even playing Haman in our Purim Shpiel.

CONGREGATION SHALOM

Terry Salpeter, Teacher Impact Award
Terry has worked at Congregation Shalom for thirteen years. While Terry teaches the older students (6th-High School) and is truly a beloved teacher with this demographic,
she also is always eager to partner her students with the kindergarten students for group activities. Terry develops lasting connections with her students; she is kind, creative and brings meaningful ideas for teaching. We at Congregation Shalom are so lucky that she is part of our faculty!

**Sophie Gilbert, School Support Award**

Sophie, a high school senior, is one of our star madrichot! She is reliable, conscientious and thoughtful. The younger students love her and we are blessed because she also comes to tutor Hebrew students during the week! Sophie is an excellent role model!

**CONGREGATION SINAI**

**Marilyn Kraar, Teacher Impact Award**

We honor Marilyn for over 15 years of teaching at Congregation Sinai and a deep love of connecting with and educating her students.

**Velia Tarnoff, School Support Award**

We are grateful to Velia for coordinating our Mishloach Manot School Fundraiser.

**GAN AMI EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Rachelle Schneider, Teacher Impact Award**

We appreciate Rachelle’s creative teaching and strong work ethic.

**Mandy Singh, Teacher Impact Award**

We treasure Mandy’s teacher leadership and commitment to building community.

**Diana Turner, School Support Award**

Diana earns this award by going above and beyond in her support as a teacher assistant and float at both campuses.

**JCC KIDS CENTER**

**Judi Viljm, Teacher Impact Award**

We give this award to Judi for her engagement and empowerment.

**JEWISH BEGINNINGS LUBAVITCH PRESCHOOL**

**Marnie Atias, Teacher Impact Award**

In addition to her outstanding work as a teacher, she is a mentor for other teachers; showing them how to integrate technology into the classroom to better communicate with parents via social media, utilize applications on their class iPads, etc.

**Amanda Wiedholz, School Support Award**

We give this award to Amanda for her outstanding work with supporting the teachers, parents and other administrative staff.
Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2018

Mequon Jewish Preschool
Ann Becker, Teacher Impact Award
Ann is a collaborator and a strong support for our staff. She is always thinking of creative ideas to “freshen up” events and projects. She has led our Intergenerational Program with the Jewish Home for the past 10 years.

Janelle Shalelashvili, School Support Award
Janelle earns this award by volunteering as our MJP Gala Auction Coordinator and helping us with organizational projects.

Milwaukee Community Hebrew School
Leah Harlig, Teacher Impact Award
This award is for hours spent preparing individualized lesson plans for each child to work at their own pace.

Rochel Leah Stein, School Support Award
This award is for helping us address the structure to help special needs children succeed.

MILWAUKEE JEWISH DAY SCHOOL
Noah Kaufman, Teacher Impact Award
Noah wins this award for unrelenting passion for facilitating deep student-owned learning across the K-8 spectrum.

Florence Steinberger, School Support Award
This award is for years of excellence in support of all aspects of school operations, school culture and parent communication.

PELZ HEBREW SCHOOL
Liora Bushee, Teacher Impact Award
This award is for her dedication and very creative lessons.

Dobie Rapoport and Shira Weinstein, School Support Award
We give them this award for helping out in all areas at our Hebrew School.

TORAH ACADEMY OF MILWAUKEE
Eva Zussman, Teacher Impact Award
Eva goes above and beyond the duties of a teacher. Eva searches for grants that will help in her math classroom, for products and curriculum that suit individual students and always makes herself available to the school when she sees a need arise.

Linda Chernin, School Support Award
Linda Chernin, a concerned individual, blends her caring nature with her entrepreneurial expertise and generously offers both to our students.
Teacher Impact and School Support Awards 2018

Yeshiva Ohr Yechzkel Wisconsin Institute for Torah Study (WITS)
Rabbi Yitzchak Shapiro, Teacher Impact Award
Rabbi Shapiro is a wonderful assistant principal and is dedicated to the high school and his students.

Mrs. Denise Metzger, School Support Award
Denise is a fantastic secretary. She keeps the high school running.

Yeshiva Elementary School
Sandra Boersma and Nicole Anderson, Teacher Impact Award
This award is for implementing Growth Mindset in their classrooms with excellence and presenting to the other teachers on this topic.

Beth Meister, School Support Award
This award is for years of service helping with library books, fundraising, banquets, and anything else the school has needed.

Chai and Double Chai Awards

Each year we recognize the educators in our community who have been teaching for 18 (chai) and 36 (double chai) years. We thank you for your continuing dedication to our community’s children.

Chai Award
Deborah Braatz

Double Chai Award
Lori Katz
Leah Emmer and Chaya Mann
Bader Hillel Academy
CLIMBING HAR SINAI PROGRAM

Both Chaya Mann and Leah Emmer had a lifetime of experience with Chumash and taught it at Bader Hillel Academy for a few years in a conventional way but were seeking to upgrade the retention of the material among students. An integral part of Chumash is the translation of the content from Hebrew to English. For English speaking children who are learning Hebrew the approach needed to take the perspective of how to incorporate foreign language learning first – then the students could approach the material in Hebrew as independent learners. The goals of the program align with a primary mission of Bader Hillel Academy to foster individual learning among students and give them the tools to make progress independently.

In their research, they came across a curriculum that dovetailed Torah education with Montessori methodology. The new style of teaching makes all work seem fun, with students choosing the games they like and racing to complete tasks. It is also highly individualized, with the students proceeding at their own pace and advancing to the next level as they gain comprehension and retain knowledge. Parents have raved about the results of the program, reporting back that children have become more confident in their own abilities and more involved in synagogue.

The Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) is an award designed to stimulate and encourage teachers to translate their unique educational ideas and initiatives into effective classroom projects. This award is for a project completed during the current school year in one of these areas:

- school/classroom environment
- teaching/learning materials
- enrichment activities, including special one-time class/school projects
Yael Stein
Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid
PROPAGANDA YESTERDAY AND TODAY

The project goal was for her students to be able to identify propaganda used by Hitler’s regime, discern what message the propaganda was trying to disseminate, and to create an example of propaganda using project based learning.

The activity she chose to highlight was part of her year-long Holocaust curriculum for middle school students. This particular unit of study revolved around the rise of Hitler's power in Germany and his ability to turn an entire country against the Jews. They had previously covered the history of anti-Semitism in Europe. The focus of the activity was propaganda—how Hitler’s regime used it, the power behind it, its purpose and how it is still used today.

The class was given the task of creating propaganda after researching and analyzing propaganda used by the Nazis during WWII and comparing it to sensationalized news during modern times. After viewing and identifying key themes in Nazi propaganda, assessing their message, and researching Joseph Goebbels and his role in Nazi propaganda, the students created their own propaganda using the project based learning approach in groups. They presented their projects to both our class and the rest of the school.
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Rona Wolfe

Milwaukee Jewish Day School

Jr. Kindergarten Kindness Collection Project:

What does innovation look like in junior kindergarten? It looks like young children solving problems while focusing on our core value: kindness. At the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, the class read a book called, “We Are All Alike, We Are All Different.” It was followed by an amazing discussion about how different people live and what different people and families have or might need.

The students decided that if families did not have things that they needed, they could help. They could collect items people might need. But where would they keep all of the things they collected? They went down the hall to our “big idea room,” also known as the ideation studio. They planned and designed a big box that would hold whatever they chose to collect. With guidance from the MJDS lead innovation teacher, Brian King, they made a collection box in the makerspace.

Every two months, the class chose an item or items to collect and fill the collection box outside the classroom’s door. They collected socks, personal hygiene items, winter hats, scarves and mittens, blankets and more that were donated to various local agencies. In addition, they collected eighteen huge bags of children’s clothes to donate to Sojourner Family Peace Center, a center that helps families impacted by domestic violence. As a final project, they collected baby items to donate to SEA Literacy and their baby showers for refugee families.

With the help of the kindergarten families, they collected two vans full of diapers, wipes, hygiene items, blankets, clothes, baby furniture, toys, books, and more. The young students understood, on their own developmental level, that people needed our help and they chose to help them. They were extremely proud of their kindness and their ability to solve problems that need to be fixed. They know that they are playing a part in *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. It’s junior kindergarten innovation at its best!
Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifschutz
MITZVAH AWARD

This award recognizes acts/projects of Gemilut Chesed and should exemplify mitzvot bein adam l’chavero (between people). The projects may be within a class or school-wide, and they can be one-time or extended through the school year.

Past Recipients

Dr. Reuven Robbins Congregation Beth Israel – 1992
Diane Hahn Congregation Emanu-El B’ne Jeshurun – 1993
Nadine Siegman Congregation Shalom – 1994
David Wolfson Congregation Shalom – 1995
Stisha Steigman Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 1996
Marcia Schulman, Director Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Department – 1997
Nadine Siegman, Teacher Congregation Shalom – 1998
Cindy Cooper & Marge Eiseman, Teachers and Birgit Anderson, Educator Congregation Sinai – 1999
Max Beckert Congregation Shalom (First Place) – 2000
Jeffrey Hansher Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue;
Aliza Pekier/Sora Rauch Torah Academy of Milwaukee and Ilana Alezra Torah Academy of Milwaukee – 2001
Nadine Siegman Congregation Beth Israel – 2006
Brian King Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2009-10
Cindy Cooper Congregation Beth Israel and Congregation Sinai and Nadine Siegman – 2010-11
Ann Becker Mequon Jewish Preschool and Congregation Shalom, 2011-12
Rabbi Moishe Steigmann Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2013-2014
Jody Lansing Milwaukee Jewish Day School – 2016
Aggie Goldenholz, Mara Kleiman, Phil Musickant – 2017
Rabbi Avremi Schapiro

Since moving to Milwaukee in 2006, Rabbi Avremi Schapiro has been working as the Executive Director of the Youth Division for Lubavitch of Wisconsin. Some additional programs under his direction include Camp Gan Israel, CTeen Milwaukee, the Mitzvah Corps, and previously the Milwaukee Community Hebrew School. He also works one-on-one with all the Shul’s B’nai Mitzvah students. Rabbi Avremi’s passion for teaching, and his enthusiasm for creating new and fun ways to reach out to all Jews, is just part of what makes him an inspiration and great educator. He is married to Shaindy Schapiro and they have three children.

Former winners: Lenny Kass, Joshua Richman

Rabbi Avremi,
Mazel tov on your big accomplishment.
You mean the world to us.
You are so deserving of this award.

Love, Mindy, David,
Elan, and Sydney Palay
Thank you Eva
for your unbelievable love and devotion to all the girls of TAM. It is a well deserved honor that you are recognized for your commitment to our community. We are all so proud of you.

Love, The Zussmans
Mazel Tov, Rona Wolfe
Rabbi Emanuel & Deborah Lifshutz
Mitzvah Award Recipient

“How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world.”
Anne Frank

We are so proud to call you daughter, sister, aunt, and an extraordinary teacher.

Cheryl Kader
Dana Robb & Jeff Burke

Judy & Bruce Brenner and family
Yaakov & Sara Esther Kader and family
Their Memories Will Always Be For a Blessing

We remember the contributions of the following CJL Advisory Board Members who have died in the past year.

Deborah Carter Berkson
Miriam Guttman
Jeanne Jacobs

While they will be greatly missed, their shining light will continue to guide the work of the Coalition for Jewish Learning.
Rabbi Avremi,

THANK YOU! Your personal connection, limitless compassion, and infinite wisdom help bring out the best in each child, teen, and adult. We are so grateful for your endless commitment and selfless dedication. You and your family are incredible members of our community. Your focus on the children as the guarantors of the future changes the world. We are so proud to see such a humble mensch be honored by the whole Jewish community.
Mazel tov Rabbi Avremi from:

The Altman-Shafer Family       The Lotman Family
The Abrams Family             The Odesky Family
The Bojan Family              The Melton Family
The Cohen Family               The Perl Family
The Edelstein Family          The Redlich Family
The Elliot Family             The Schaefer Family
The Iancu Family              The Scheuer Family
The Kimmel Family             The Smulyan Family
The Langer Family             The Wasserman Family
The Lechter Family            The Weimer Family
The Liberman Family           The Yavor Family
Two generations of students have lovingly called you “Morah Lori” over the past 36 years.

For even longer we have with affection, devotion, and respect called you “daughter,” “sister,” or “mom.”

Lori, we are all so proud of you for earning the Double Chai Award. All of us thank you for teaching, inspiring, and caring for hundreds of boys and girls. You have made our community better and stronger while helping shape our Jewish future.

Mom – Elayne Katz
Sisters – Pam Katz Bogan, Debbie Recht, Cindy Eisendrath, Wendy Gould, & Sally Tomsicek & their families
Sons – Dylan (and Magda) & Jared (and Ally and Mia)
Congrats
to our very own
Gevs Wolfe & Lansing!

You continually amaze and inspire your MJDS Junior and Senior K classes, and your infectious positivity has no match!

We are so proud of you both!
We love you!

Your Jr. and Sr. K MJDS families
To Ellie, You’ve been teaching us since the day you were born. We’re looking forward to many more lessons!

Love,

The Levin-Gettinger-Nelles-Csar clan

And Mom & Dad say: “THANKS FOR THE NACHOS!”
Mazel Tov to Rachelle Schneider, Mandy Singh, Diana Turner, & Judi Viljoen for their dedication and passion for Jewish Education.

Kol HaKavod,
The Harry and Rose Samson Family JCC Board of Directors & Staff
Members of the Advisory Board of the Coalition for Jewish Learning salute the many teachers and volunteers who have in so many different ways devoted time and energy to uplifting and instructing Jewish students in our community.
The faculty of **Congregation Shalom** is so proud of our wonderful colleagues **Terry Salpeter** and **Ann Becker** and our amazing **madricha Sophie Gilbert**.

We are grateful for their contributions to our students and our school.

Kari Altman, Carrie Barbakoff, Nicole Boico, Felice Bruskin, Denelle Carriger, Roger Carp, Wendy Cohen, Amber Franklin, Marilyn Franklin, Joyce Gutzke, Orlee Hauser, Tzvia Heifetz, Evan Holloway, Wendy Pawlak, Danielle Romain, Susie Rosengarten, Julie Shlensky, Sari Shovers, Mandy Wienke

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**Mazel Tov to the**

**CJL Grinspoon Jewish Educator of the Year**

**Ellie Gettinger**

Congratulations to this year’s award recipients! Thanks to all our teachers and to past and present leaders of the Coalition for Jewish Learning. Your efforts have provided enriched, quality Jewish education in our community.

**Louise Stein**
Mazel tov to all the dedicated educators and volunteers being recognized by CJL. We applaud your hard work, creativity, and commitment to instilling in generations of Jewish students a deep knowledge of our heritage and faith.

Thanks especially to Ellie Gettinger for leading our community from strength to greater strength.

Roger Carp & Debbie Recht

Mazel tov to our dear friend Jerry Benjamin
With love and admiration,

Micki Seinfeld,  
Judi & Michael Ketten,  
Dorene & Phil Paley
Mazel tov to all the award winners.

We appreciate all that you do for our community. Your enthusiasm and passion transform Jewish education in Milwaukee.

B’kavod,

Dan and Linda Bader

Mazel Tov Jerry

Your leadership in Milwaukee has been visionary. We are grateful for your impassioned work for Jewish education around the country.

Louise Stein
Revere your teacher as you would heaven 
(Avot 4:12)

Mazel Tov to all Milwaukee Jewish Educators
And especially to our CBINT Family Honorees!
We are very proud of you!

Ellie Gettinger • CJL Grinspoon Jewish Educator of the Year Award
Yael Stein • Gill Incentive for Teachers (GIFT) Award
Lana Martin • Teacher Impact Award
Marilynn Brick • School Support Award

From Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid
And our CBINT School of Jewish Studies
The Congregation Shalom community, clergy and staff are so very proud to recognize and honor Sophie Gilbert, Terry Salpeter and Ann Becker for their contributions to Milwaukee Jewish education.

Rabbi Noah Chertkoff, Rabbi Rachel Marks, Cantor Karen Berman, Rabbi Marcey Rosenbaum, Linda Holifield

Kol Hakavod from your Sinai Family

Velia Tarnoff
School Support Award

Marilyn Kraar
Teacher Impact Award
Congratulations to
Susan Edelstein & to Jody Lansing

Recipients of the
2018 Teacher Impact Award
and School Support Award

– The Clergy, Staff, Teachers and Congregants
of Congregation Emanue-El B’ne Jeshurun

Ellie, you are my light,
my inspiration, the love
of my life.

I love you and am
so proud of you!

- Mitch
### MAZAL TOV

Jewish Beginnings Staff on your achievements!

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On behalf of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation staff and Board of Directors, we congratulate all of the educators who help ensure a strong Jewish community through education.

The Coalition for Jewish Learning is the education program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Andrea Schneider
Board Chair

Hannah Rosenberg
CEO/President
Mazel Tov to all the inspiring Jewish Educators – we are blessed to have you in our community!

Eileen Graves

Congratulationsto our Teacher Impact Awardees, Mrs. Sandra Boersma and Mrs. Nicole Anderson. You especially deserve this award this year for your work leading our staff in understanding and implementing growth mindset.

Congratulations to our School Support Awardee, Mrs. Beth Meister. Thank you for many years of support and dedication. You are always eager to help with a smile.

Thank you to all of the teachers, staff members, and volunteers that invest so much in the Milwaukee Jewish Community.

We salute all of you!

Yeshiva Elementary School
Rabbi Dovid Kossowsky, Principal
Rabbi Aryeh Borsuk, Director of Development
Rabbi Yosef Schlussel, President
The Board of Directors
Yasher Koach to our CBINT Award Winners – Ellie Gettinger, Sara Martin, Yael Stein, and Marlynn Brick. May you all go from strength to strength!

Sue & Rick Strait

In honor of the Advisory Board of CJL – It is an honor to work with you. Thank you for all that you do, and special thanks to Tzipi and Roger.

Nancy Weiss-McQuide

Mequon Jewish Preschool salutes all CJL honorees. Special Mazel Tov to Ann Becker and Janelle Shelelashvilli, lamplighters for the MJP community.

Rivka Spalter

Yashar Koach to all the educators.

Nancy and Jim Barnett
Mazel Tov
Rabbi Avremi Shapiro
on being such a wonderful inspiration for the community!
Yasher Koach!

Congrats Ellie!
Love, The Levine & Spack/Berlin Families, Andy, Jordana, Jon, & Hagar
*HEEEEEE BIRTHDAY MEATCHEL!

Mazel Tov
Ellie Gettinger on this well-deserved honor.
- The Bronfman Fellowship

Yasher Koach to Leah Harlig and Leah Stein – and thank you for all you do for MCHS children!

BBYO Wisconsin Region
Kathie Bernstein
Felice & Barry Bruskin
Barbara Glazer

Candice Glicken
Phil Musickant
Gloria Krasnow
Belle and Sol Weinstein

Keep up to date on CJL. Text CJL to 51555 to get text messages about upcoming classes & events.
Mazel Tov to ALL Milwaukee Jewish EDUCATORS.

You make a huge difference every day. Thanks for all you do. Special congratulations to all the AWARD WINNERS. We are so glad to have the opportunity to recognize you today. Thank you to all the SCHOOLS for welcoming me into your communities. I love working with all of you.

Tziporah Altman-Shafer, Joel, Shoshi, Yoni, & Golan

Mazal Tov to all of the educators who have made such a large impact in Milwaukee.

Mark, Cincy, & Sharon Levy

Todah Rabah and Yasher Koach to Ilene, Loren, Andi and Tabb

Congregation Emanu-El of Waukesha
Thank you for your contagious passion for the JMM, Ellie!

Anneliese Dickman

Mazel Tov to Ilene, Yael and all other honorees.

Fensin Family

Ellie Gettinger
Your passionate dedication to educating and expanding minds is inspirational.

Your JMM Family

Mazel Tov Ann!

Love, Jerry

Diana,
our family is so proud of everything you do!

Love, Alan

Thanks Rabbi Avremi for Your Help and Support Over the Years.

Daniel Shovers

Mazel Tov Ellie!
Your Passion Shines!

Love,
Renice & Jim

Mazel Tov Jody Lansing-
Our favorite tireless educator!! XOXOXO

Sheryl, Jon, Carly & Micah
It’s the warm smiling faces of our staff at a 5 to 1 student-teacher ratio that ensure each student realizes their full potential. BHH teachers work one on one with students in a multi-faceted, student-lead environment, co-creating a personalized learning plan suited to every individual’s needs. With a project-based curriculum with a focus on cognitive skills that prepare our students for success in College, Career, and Life, our focus is creating a rich learning environment where students thrive. Stop by and see for yourself what Bader Hillel High has to offer. We think you’ll be pleasantly surprised.
FROM ALL THE BHA FAMILIES:

Thank you to our amazing Jewish educators.

GILL INCENTIVE FOR TEACHERS AWARD
Leah Emmer
Chaya Mann

TEACHER IMPACT AWARD
Jacqueline Cabessa Redlich

SCHOOL SUPPORT AWARD
Jennifer Amram

A warm Jewish education balanced for today’s world.

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